

splendour; thou an resplendent, brilliant (AGNi),
with unfading lustre: shine forth with
glorious rays.

4. Thou sacrificest to the mighty gods:
sacrifice

(for us) continually, for (sacrifice is
perfected) by thy
wisdom and thy acts: bring them down,
AGNI, for our
salvation: present (to them) the sacrificial
food, par-
take of it thyself.

5. (Thou art he) whom the waters, the
mountains,
the woods,¹ nourish as the embryo of
sacrifice; who,
churned with strength by the performers
(of the rite),
art generated in the highest place of the
earth.

6. He who fills both heaven and earth
with light,
who mounts with smoke into the sky, this
radiant
showerer (of benefits) is beheld in the
dark nights
dispersing the gloom; this radiant
showerer (of bene-
fits) presides over the dark nights.

7. Divine, resplendent AGNJ,
youngest (of the
gods), -when kindled by BiiARADwiJA,
shines with
many flames, with pure lustre,
(conferring) riches
upon us; shine, resplendent purifier.

8. Thou, AGNI, art the lord of the
dwelling,² and
of all men the descendants of MANU:
protect me,
youngest (of the gods), when kindling
thee, with a
hundred defences against iniquity:
(grant me) &
hundred winters, (as well as to those) who
bestow gifts
upon thy worshippers.

9. Wonderful (AGNi), giver of dwellings,
encourage
us uy (thy) protection, and (the gift of)
riches, for

¹ *Yam npo, adrayo vand piprati*, may bear the
more humble
meanings of the water prepared to mix with
the *Soma*, the
rasathari, the stones for ginding the *Soma*, and
the wood for

attrition.

² *Grifutpati*, master or protector of the house.